

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 366

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 31, 2001

Mr. MOORE (for himself and Mr. FROST) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Fairness and Voter
5 Access Act of 2001”.

1 **SEC. 2. PROHIBITING KNOWING DISSEMINATION OF FALSE**
 2 **FEDERAL ELECTION INFORMATION.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Chapter 29 of title 18, United
 4 States Code, is amended by adding at the end the fol-
 5 lowing new section:

6 **“§ 612. Dissemination of false information in Federal**
 7 **elections to discourage others from vot-**
 8 **ing**

9 “(a) Any person who knowingly disseminates any in-
 10 formation regarding an election for Federal office that the
 11 person knows is false with the intent of discouraging an-
 12 other person from voting shall be fined in accordance with
 13 this title or imprisoned not more than 1 year, or both.

14 “(b) In this section, the terms ‘election’ and ‘Federal
 15 office’ have the meaning given such terms in section 301
 16 of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971.”.

17 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of sections
 18 for chapter 29 of title 18, United States Code, is amended
 19 by adding at the end the following:

“612. Dissemination of false information in Federal elections to discourage oth-
 ers from voting.”.

20 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

21 This Act and the amendments made by this Act shall
 22 apply with respect to elections occurring after the date of
 23 the enactment of this Act.